



REQUEST	RESPONSE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Could you please inform me on what date you started using the drone for surveillance purposes and the number of surveillance operations in which it has been used?</p> <p>Clarified by the applicant 19/02/10 as below;</p> <p>Can you please provide information about the number of occasions on which it has been used for surveillance tasks for which it was not licensed and when it was first used for surveillance purposes in a manner for which it was not licensed by the CAA?</p>	<p>The UAV/Drone became available for force wide usage on 01/11/2009. and since that date the UAV/Drone has been used 57 times broken down as follows;</p> <p>November 2009 – 24 deployments                      December 2009 – 5 deployments                      January 2010 – 10 deployments                      February 2010 - 18 deployments</p>	<p>Over the past year Merseyside Police has engaged with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), as part of the unmanned aerial systems working group, to ensure that the Force's use of its Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) complies with current and anticipated CAA regulations.</p> <p>The CAA introduced new statutory regulations on 1 January 2010 which requires all UAVs to be licensed by the CAA before use. Since the Force has known of the change in regulations all UAV flights have been suspended and will remain so until the appropriate license has been granted.</p>